

U.S. Mission Vietnam – U.S. Embassy in Hanoi
VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT NUMBER: HNALL 16/08

OPEN TO: All Interested Candidates/All Sources

POSITION: **Public Health Specialist (Field Epidemiology Training Program),
FSN-11; FP-04**

OPENING DATE: March 1, 2016

CLOSING DATE: March 15, 2016

WORK HOURS: Full-time, 40 hours/week

SALARY: **Ordinarily Resident:** FSN-11; US\$ 25,048(Starting Salary)
Not-Ordinarily Resident (NOR): FP-04*; US\$63,632(Starting Salary)
*Final grade/step for NORs will be determined by Washington.

ALL ORDINARILY RESIDENT (OR) APPLICANTS (*See Appendix A for definition*) MUST HAVE THE REQUIRED WORK AND/OR RESIDENCY PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

The U.S. Mission in Vietnam – U.S. Embassy in Hanoi is seeking an eligible and qualified applicant for the position of Public Health Specialist (Field Epidemiology Training Program) in its Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

BASIC FUNCTION OF POSITION

Incumbent of this position will serve as the Public Health Specialist for the Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) office at the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam. H/she will be a key advisor to the Vietnam Ministry of Health (MOH) for the administrative, fiscal, and technical oversight of FETP program activities. The incumbent will play an essential role as an advisor in training and mentoring young physicians with the Vietnam Ministry of Health (MOH) in epidemiology, biostatistics, program reporting, outbreak investigation and related areas in the conduct of the FETP program. H/she will represent CDC on FETP issues in meetings with the Government of Vietnam and with international experts, and provides implementation guidance and technical support and evaluation to Vietnam counterparts funded by CDC, and serve as a liaison between U.S. government stakeholders and the MOH and the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD). The Position's primary responsibilities will be focusing on the management and oversight of all aspects of the developing FETP activities, as related to information systems, and other operational responsibilities, including: site visits, data collection, coordination of training and study materials, monitoring, and quality assurance. The incumbent will also represent CDC Vietnam on FETP issues at technical, policy and strategic planning meetings, as well as in meetings with collaborators and donor agencies.

QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED

Applicants must address each required qualification listed below with specific and comprehensive information supporting each item. Failure to do so may result in a determination that the applicant is not qualified.

1. EDUCATION: An MD, PhD in public health, biological sciences or laboratory sciences, or Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree, or international equivalent is required.

2. EXPERIENCE: Must have at least five years of working experience with the MOH, MARD or other public health programs and a familiarity with USG agencies or international organizations, including WHO, FAO, OIE, or international NGOs is required. Also, experience in developing, implementing and evaluating public health programs and coordination with international agencies or implementing partners is required.

3. LANGUAGE: Level 4 (Fluent) Speaking/Reading/Writing English is required (this will be tested). Level 4 (Fluent) Speaking/Reading/Writing Vietnamese is required.

4. SKILLS AND ABILITIES: Must have good program management and systems analytical skills, and be able to communicate issues and developments between the CDC FETP team and implementing partners within MOH both orally and in writing. Must have good managerial skills, ability to analyze, understand and discuss data, program and systems design and revision, and management and implementation approaches. Must have intermediate user-level of word processing, spreadsheets and databases. Strong skills in the interpretation of program monitoring and evaluation data are required, including the ability to understand and synthesize numerical data.

5. JOB KNOWLEDGE: Must have a professional knowledge foundation in public health. This includes a thorough understanding of current infectious disease issues, disease surveillance and reporting, laboratory systems and information systems, clinical care and treatment. Must have a good working knowledge of team management techniques to plan, organize and direct multi-disciplinary project teams and activities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: The complete position description listing all of the duties and responsibilities may be obtained by contacting the Human Resources Office (84-4) 3850-5126 or (84-4) 3850-5127.

SELECTION PROCESS: When qualified, applicants who are U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Members (USEFMs) and/or preference-eligible U.S. Veterans are given a preference in hiring. Therefore, it is essential that these applicants make themselves known as having a hiring preference and specifically address the required qualifications above in their application.

HIRING PREFERENCE ORDER:

- (1) USEFM who is ALSO a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran
- (2) USEFM OR a preference-eligible U.S. Veteran
- (3) FS on LWOP

ADDITIONAL SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. Management may consider the following when determining successful candidacy: nepotism, conflicts of interest, budget, and residency status.

2. Current OR employees serving a probationary period are not eligible to apply. Current OR employees with an Overall Summary Rating of Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory on their most recent Employee Performance Report (EPR) are not eligible to apply.
3. Current NOR employees hired on a Family Member Appointment (FMA) or a Personal Service Agreement (PSA) are not eligible to apply within the first 90 calendar days of their employment, unless they have a When Actually Employed (WAE) work schedule.
4. The candidate must be able to obtain and hold the Mission's security clearance.
5. Candidates who are EFMs, USEFMs, AEFMs, or MOHs must have at least one year remaining on their sponsor's tour of duty to be considered eligible to apply for this position.

HOW TO APPLY: Applicants must submit the following documents to be considered:

1. Universal Application for Employment (UAE) (Form DS-174), which is available on our website <http://vietnam.usembassy.gov> or by contacting Human Resources (84-4) 3850-5126 or (84-4) 3850-5127 (See "For further information" above); and
2. Any additional documentation that supports or addresses the requirements listed above (e.g. transcripts, degrees, etc.)
3. The Embassy does not accept applications via Vietnam works or CareerBuilder without DS-174 form.

IMPORTANT: Applicants claiming a U.S. Veteran's preference must submit written documentation confirming eligibility (e.g., Member Copy 4 of Form DD-214, Letter from the Veteran's Administration, or certification documenting eligibility under the VOW Act with an expected discharge no later than 120 days after the certification is submitted) by the closing date of the vacancy announcement. If the written documentation confirming eligibility is not received in the HR office by the closing date of the vacancy announcement, the U.S. Veteran's preference will not be considered in the application process. Specific criteria for receiving a U.S. Veteran's preference may be found in HR/OE's Family Member Employment Policy (FMEP).

WHERE TO APPLY:

Human Resources Office 84-4-3850-5000 ext. 5126/5127
 E-mail Address: HanoiHR@state.gov

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The U.S. Mission provides equal opportunity and fair and equitable treatment in employment to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, political affiliation, marital status, or sexual orientation. The Department of State also strives to achieve equal employment opportunity in all personnel operations through continuing diversity enhancement programs. The EEO complaint procedure is not available to individuals who believe they have been denied equal opportunity based upon marital status or political affiliation. Individuals with such complaints should avail themselves of the appropriate grievance procedures, remedies for prohibited personnel practices, and/or courts for relief.

Appendix A - DEFINITIONS

Eligible Family Member (EFM): An EFM for employment purposes is defined an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen or not a U.S. Citizen; **and**

- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610); **or**
- Child, who is unmarried and under 21 years of age or, regardless of age, is incapable of self-support. The term “child” shall include, in addition to natural offspring, stepchild, adopted child, and a child under legal guardianship of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such child is expected to be under legal guardianship until 21 years of age and when dependent upon and normally residing with the guardian; **or**
- Parent (including stepparents and legally adoptive parents) of employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner, when such parent is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support; **or**
- Sister or brother (including stepsisters and stepbrothers, or adoptive sisters or brothers) of the employee, spouse, or same-sex domestic partner when such sibling is at least 51 percent dependent on the employee for support, unmarried, and under 21 years of age, or regardless of age, incapable of self-support; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; **and**
- Is under chief of mission authority.

U.S. Citizen Eligible Family Member (USEFM): A USEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and resides at the sponsoring employee’s post of assignment abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; and is under chief of mission authority; **or**
- resides at an Involuntary Separate Maintenance Allowance (ISMA) location authorized under 3 FAM 3232.2; **or**
- Currently receives a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Appointment Eligible Family Member (AEFM): An AEFM is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria:

- U.S. Citizen; **and**
- Spouse or same-sex domestic partner (as defined in 3 FAM 1610) of the sponsoring employee; **or**
- Child of the sponsoring employee who is unmarried and at least 18 years old; **and**
- Listed on the travel orders or approved Form OF-126 of a sponsoring employee, i.e., a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan (AIT); **and**
- Is under chief of mission authority; **and**
- Is residing at the sponsoring employee's post of assignment abroad or, as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; **and**

- Does NOT currently receive a U.S. Government retirement annuity or pension from a career in the U.S. Foreign Service or Civil Service.

Member of Household (MOH): A MOH is an individual who accompanies or joins a sponsoring employee, i.e., sponsor is a direct hire employee under Chief of Mission authority, either Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member who is permanently assigned to or stationed abroad at a U.S. mission, or at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan.

A MOH is an individual who meets **all** of the following criteria.

- A MOH is not an EFM and therefore not on the travel orders or approved through form OF-126 Foreign Service Residence and Dependency Report of the sponsoring employee; and
- A MOH must be officially declared by the sponsoring U.S. Government employee to the Chief of Mission (COM) as part of his or her household and approved by the COM; and
- A MOH is a parent, grandparent, grandchild, unmarried partner, adult child, foreign born child in the process of being adopted, father, mother, brother, sister, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, stepfather, stepmother, stepson, stepdaughter, stepbrother, stepsister, half-brother, or half-sister; who falls outside the Department's current definition of Eligible Family Member 14 FAM 511.3. A MOH may or may not be a U.S. citizen. MOHs are by definition cohabitants. Therefore, if the MOH is not a U.S. citizen, employees who declare MOHs to the COM must ensure compliance with the provisions of 12 FAM 275, Reporting Cohabitation with and/or Intent to Marry a Foreign National.

Not Ordinarily Resident (NOR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- An EFM, USEFM or AEFM of a direct-hire Foreign Service, Civil Service, or uniformed service member permanently assigned or stationed abroad, or as appropriate, at an office of the American Institute in Taiwan; or
- Has diplomatic privileges and immunities; and
- Is eligible for compensation under the FS or GS salary schedule; and
- Has a U.S. Social Security Number (SSN); and
- Is not a citizen of the host country; and
- Does not ordinarily reside in the host country; and
- Is not subject to host country employment and tax laws.

Ordinarily Resident (OR) – An individual who meets the following criteria:

- A citizen of the host country; or
- A non-citizen of the host country (including a U.S. citizen or a third-country national) who is locally resident and has legal and/or permanent resident status within the host country and/or who is a holder of a non-diplomatic visa/work and/or residency permit; and/or
- Is subject to host country employment and tax laws.